

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A travel information providing center for providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

a memory that stores information on registered members;

an input/output interface that receives a member ID from a user

terminal; and

a controller coupled to the memory and the interface, and that confirms the registered member based on the received member ID and prepares travel information based on the information regarding the registered member stored in the memory upon confirmation that the member is registered.

2. The center according to claim 1, wherein:

the information on the member stored in the memory is the information on a home of the member; and

the home of the member is set as a starting point on a route prepared by the controller as part of the track information.

3. The center according to claim 1, wherein:

the input/output interface receives key information for specifying information requested by the member from the user terminal, and

the controller prepares the travel information based on the key information.

4. The center according to claim 1, wherein:

the key information is information on accommodation facilities; and

the controller selects accommodation facilities as part of the travel information to be provided, based on the member information stored in the memory.

5. The center according to claim 3, wherein:

the key information is information on tourist facilities; and

the controller selects tourist facilities as part of the travel information to be provided, based on the member information stored in the memory.

6. The center according to claim 1, wherein:

the input/output interface receives a destination of the user input through the user terminal, and

the controller prepares information on a route from a starting point to the destination as part of the travel information to be provided.

7. The center according to claim 6, wherein:

the information on the route includes at least one of information on the entire route and information on particular areas along the route.

8. The center according to claim 1, wherein:

the controller prepares, upon confirmation that the member is registered, the travel information so as to include route information and information on the locations of service providing facilities which are adjacent to the route and which are exclusively available to the member who has been identified based on the member information stored in the memory.

9. The center according to claim 1, further comprising:

a terminal that displays the travel information.

10. The center according to claim 1, further comprising:

a medium that stores the travel information; and

a terminal that reads the travel information stores on the medium and displays the travel information.

11. A travel information providing center for providing user terminals with travel information, comprising:

a memory that stores information on the locations of information providing terminals installed at various locations;

a input/output interface that receives a member ID; and

a controller coupled to the memory and the interface, and that confirms a registered member based on the received member ID, and provides route information as travel information to be provided to a user upon confirmation that the member is registered and provides information on locations of the information providing terminals which are installed adjacent to the route and which are stored in the memory.

12. The center according to claim 11, wherein:

the controller provides information on the location of the information providing terminal that sent the member ID received by the input/output interface.

13. An information providing terminal comprising:

an input device through which a user inputs a member ID of the user;

and

a controller that provides detailed information on a vicinity of the information providing terminal upon confirmation that the user is a registered member based on the input member ID.

14. The information providing terminal according to claim 13, wherein:
the information provided by the controller includes at least one of
information on the location of the information providing terminal and information on
the vicinity of the information providing terminal.
15. An information providing terminal comprising:
an input device through which a user inputs a destination;
a controller that provides route information on a route to the
destination in response to the input of the destination, and prepares a junction
guidance map showing junctions requiring guidance from the route information; and
a printer that prints the prepared junction guidance map.
16. The terminal according to claim 15, wherein:
the printer is located in a store and issues receipts when selling articles,
the printer also output the junction guidance map.
17. The terminal according to claim 15, wherein:
the printer is a roll-paper printer; and
the printer can sequentially print the junction guidance maps in the
longitudinal direction of a roll paper.
18. A travel information providing system comprising:
a terminal through which a user inputs a member ID; and
a center having a memory that stores information on registered
members and a controller that provides a registered member with travel information
based on the member information stored in the memory if it is determined from the
member ID input through the terminal that the user is a registered member, wherein:
the terminal displays the travel information provided by the center.
19. A method of providing user terminals with travel information,
comprising:
storing information on registered members;
receiving a member ID through an input/output interface from a user
terminal;
confirming through a controller that the user is a registered member
with a valid member ID; and
preparing travel information based on the information regarding the
registered member stored in the memory upon confirmation that the member is
registered.

